

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Title: **HYBRID STENCIL PRINTING APPARATUS, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
HYBRID STENCIL PRINTING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM FOR THE SAME**

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October 24, 2001.)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-captioned
patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 7-9, and 12-14 in the above-
captioned application without any prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter expressed therein. Further, please amend the
claims as shown in Attachment A.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert on page 1, line 5, after the title and before
the "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" the paragraph shown in
Attachment B.